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SUBJECT: PRC INTEREST IN SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION WITH INDIA

- 1. THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DR. R.D. DESHPANDE, TOLD EMBOFF MAY 2 THAT HE RECENTLY WAS VISITED BY AN OFFICER OF THE PRC EMBASSY TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF INDO-CHINESE COLLABORATION IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE. DESHPANDE SAID THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE CHINESE HAVE EXPRESSED SUCH AN INTEREST. HE DID NOT INDICATE THE NATURE OF HIS RESPONSE NOR WHETHER ANYTHING IS LIKELY TO COME OF THE CHINESE INITIATIVE.
- 2. COMMENT: AT THIS POINT WE ARE UNABLE TO ASSIGN ANY PARTICULAR POLITICAL POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THIS INFORMATION, ALTHOUGH THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CHINESE ARE PROBING THE ATTITUDE OF THE NEW INDIAN GOVT TOWARD THEM CANNOT BE RULED OUT SCHNEIDER

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